

What is claimed is:

1 1. A method for an interactive computer based training system for teaching a user to use a
2 target software system via training software integrated with the target software system,
3 comprising the steps of:

4 (a) providing, from the training software, a user interface, the user interface including
5 at least one graphic display portion to display at least a portion of a tutorial exercise; and

6 (b) providing, from the training software, at least one exercise module for teaching at
7 least one tutorial exercise on operation of the target software system, the at least one exercise
8 module having a plurality of exercise steps including operating at least a portion of the at least
9 one tutorial exercise on the target software system.

1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of providing a display corresponding
2 to the at least one tutorial exercise in the at least one graphic display portion, and operating at
3 least a portion of the tutorial exercise on the target software system.

1 3. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the target software system includes at least
2 one graphic software.

1 4. The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of receiving, from the
2 target software system, a user response to at least one of the exercise steps.

1 5. The method as claimed in claim 4, further comprising, responsive to receipt of the user
2 response, the step of comparing the received user response to an expected response for the at
3 least one of the exercise steps.

1 6. The method as claimed in claim 5, further comprising the step of, if the received user
2 response is the expected response, displaying a confirmation message at the user interface, and if

3 the received user response is not the expected response, displaying a feedback message at the
4 user interface.

1 7. The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the at least one exercise module defines the
2 expected response.

1 8. The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the user response is from the operating of at
2 least a portion of the tutorial exercise on the target software system.

1 9. The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of providing a plurality of
2 exercise modules including the at least one exercise module.

1 10. The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of running the training
2 software on the target software system.

1 11. A system for interactive computer based training for teaching a user to use a target
2 software system via training software integrated with the target software system, comprising:

3 (a) a user interface, the user interface including at least one graphic display portion to
4 display at least a portion of a tutorial exercise; and

5 (b) at least one exercise module for teaching at least one tutorial exercise on
6 operation of the target software system, the at least one exercise module having a plurality of
7 exercise steps including operating at least a portion of the at least one tutorial exercise on the
8 target software system.

1 12. The system of claim 11, wherein a graphic portion of the at least one tutorial exercise is
2 displayed in the at least one graphic display portion, and at least a portion of the tutorial exercise
3 is operated on the target software system.

1 13. The system as claimed in claim 11, wherein the target software system includes
2 instructions for operating at least one graphic software.

- 1 14. The system as claimed in claim 11, further comprising a received user response to at least
2 one of the exercise steps.
- 1 15. The system as claimed in claim 14, further comprising, responsive to receipt of the user
2 response, a comparison of the received user response to an expected response for the at least one
3 of the exercise steps.
- 1 16. The system as claimed in claim 15, further comprising a confirmation message, to be
2 displayed at the user interface if the user response is the expected response, and a feedback
3 message, to be displayed at the user interface if the user response is not the expected response.
- 1 17. The system as claimed in claim 15, wherein the exercise module defines the expected
2 response.
- 1 18. The system as claimed in claim 14, wherein the user response is responsive to operation
2 of at least a portion of the tutorial exercise on the target software system.
- 1 19. The system as claimed in claim 11, wherein there are provided a plurality of exercise
2 modules including the at least one exercise module.
- 1 20. The system as claimed in claim 11, wherein the training software is run on the target
2 software system.